THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) and (b) According to the State Government of U.P., it is not correct to state that U.P. has become a centre of militant activities. However, they have also reported that in the intensive search operation undertaken in Kanpur on 23.4.2001, explosives weighing 2 Kgs and 25 Kgs. were recovered from a factory and a tailoring shop, respectively.

(c) Government of Uttar Pradesh has informed that to control anti-national/militant activities, in 22 identified districts, monthly review meetings are held by the district authorities. Divisional level meetings are also held every two months. A Special Task Force has been constituted to curb anti-national/militant activities. Uttar Pradesh-Nepal Border Police Force has also been constituted to keep a close watch on anti-national/militant activities in the area.

The Central Government shares intelligence with the State Governments and provides financial assistance for modernising the State Police Forces. Para military forces are also sent as and when required by the States.

Illegal purchase of land and infiltration

1113. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that one Eqbal Sayyed Hussain, a resident of London, who has duped the London people for 14 crores has been arrested at Thane in Maharashtra in a car having Press sticker;

(b) whether it is a fact that he has connections with Pakistani organisations who are bringing RDX to India;

(c) whether Government are also aware that he has purchased land at Shriwardhan and Mhasale in Maharashtra; and

(d) if so, Government's response thereto and what steps Government are going to take to stop such illegal purchase of land and infiltration?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) The London based British citizen Iqbal Sayyed Hussain Kadri was arrested at Thane in Maharashtra under Section 13, 14 of the Foreigners Act, 1946 and Section 3 of the Passport Entry Act, 1920.

(b) Close interrogation by the State Police and Intelligence Agencies does not reveal his involvement with Pakistani Terrorist Organisations.

(c) State Government of Maharashtra has informed that the accused has purchased land in his name and in the names of relatives and friends at Raigad.

(d) The details documents about the illegal purchase of land have been provided to the Foreign Exchange Management Act (FEMA) authorities for further investigation. The validity of his Passport and Visa had expired, hence his stay in India is unauthorized for which he has been arrested and legal action has been taken against him.

Corruption and Irregularities in NHRC

1114. SHRI SURESH KALMADI:
SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of complaints received regarding corruption and irregularities in the office of National Human Rights Commission;

(b) what steps have been taken or proposed to be taken regarding these complaints; and

(c) what arrangements are being made for better functioning of the Commission?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) to (c) Three complaints alleging irregularities in the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) have been received since 1999. While two of these complaints were found to be unsubstantiated, in the case of the third complaint, on the basis of clarification furnished by NHRC, allegations of irregularities in the appointment of an